

holders on grounds other than those provided in the TRIPS Agreement and Paris Convention. In other words, in order to defend Section 211 the U.S. argued that TRIPS is limited in its scope. These arguments were not only contrary to long-established U.S. international intellectual property policy objectives; they could ultimately invite arbitrary treatment and abuse of U.S. brand names overseas.

The only appropriate response to the WTO decision is to repeal Section 211 in its entirety. Repealing Section 211 will underscore that the United States abides by its international commitments. It will safeguard U.S. intellectual property rights in foreign markets, remove the threat of retaliation against U.S. exports, and restore U.S. leadership in the fight to secure strong protection and enforcement for intellectual property rights worldwide.

I call on the administration to work with the Congress to quickly repeal Section 211 in its entirety to restore the U.S. to its rightful place as the world's guardian of intellectual property rights.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred August 10, 1996 in Portsmouth, NH. A gay man was attacked outside a nightclub. The attackers, three men, yelled anti-gay epithets while they assaulted the victim.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHOOT- ING AT SANTANA HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today marks the one-year anniversary of the tragic shooting at Santana High School in Santee, CA. This shooting claimed the lives of two innocent teenagers: Brian Zuckor and Randy Gordon, and sent an entire community into mourning.

The community of students, faculty, family and friends at Santana High School is still mourning. The healing process is difficult and long, and I offer my thoughts, condolences, and support to the entire community. I look with great respect at the way they have reacted to this senseless act of violence;

both immediately, in the aftermath of the shootings, and in the year that has followed. Youth and adults alike have shown great compassion, strength and bravery in coping with this tragic event.

To commemorate this one-year anniversary, the school held a "Santana Safe School Tribute 5k Run/Walk" on Saturday morning. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the creation of Santana's Community/Family Resource Center, a center aimed at providing youths the physical, emotional and intellectual support they need. In addition, Santana High School will have a day of private remembrance today, with a flag ceremony in the main quad, a moment of silence, and a luncheon for the entire school community.

On this day, the anniversary of Santana High School's shooting, I once again extend my support for the families and friends affected by the tragedy. I offer special condolences and thoughts to the Zuckor and Gordon families. I assure them that I continue to hold this incident close to my heart as I fight to pass common sense gun legislation, put police officers in schools, and keep our children and communities safe.

GOD BLESS THE USA

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following poem, "God Bless the USA," written by Ms. Debbie Rogers of Danville, AR, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the poem was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

GOD BLESS THE USA

Twin Towers once stood regally, but Majestic in the sky,

Pure evil took them down today, Americans stand and cry.

Two planes marked for death, As the world observes them crash,

Once Titanic against the skyline, now scattered in debris and ash.

Four planes all together, carrying innocent lives on each one,

Leaving disbelief and carnage, when the Hellish Butchers were done.

There was no kind of warning, no message did they send,

And total devastation, is so hard to comprehend.

Emergency Crews work frantically, keeping hope always alive,

They dig with bleeding hands, Praying someone does survive.

Thousands hurt and missing, death lingers in the air,

Families in such torment, the world mourns in deep despair.

Our whole world has been disrupted, As we watch the Breaking News,

Praying they find survivors, and all the missing clues.

We need closure for the Families, and Justice for Us all,

We'll deal with this catastrophe, As Americans we stand tall.

We're proud to be Americans, We won't take this without a fight,

We won't cease in determination, till this wrong is made a right.

We'll rise above the smoke and ash, remembrance in Our heart,

Of all the innocent Families, these Monsters tore apart.

Now vengeance seems to call, like a beacon in the night,

God forgive Our thoughts, two wrongs don't make a right.

But we'll stand on Honor and Justice, there'll be a reckoning day,

This deed won't go unpunished, God Bless The U.S.A.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SPINE FOUNDATION "THE ART OF GIVING"

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on March 6, 2002, the Children's Spine Foundation will hold its Fourth Annual Gala, "The Art of Giving." I would like to take a moment to inform the Senate of the organization's great work.

Spinal deformities present a serious health problem for many children each year, and many cases are life threatening. The Children's Spine Foundation helps detect spinal deformities early and treats them effectively. The foundation has helped save many lives.

Founded in 1994 by Dr. Thomas and Salma Haider, the Children's Spine Foundation provides much needed services to people in the Riverside and San Bernardino communities who might not otherwise have access to quality spinal health care.

The foundation connects children in need with renowned orthopedic surgeons at local hospitals. It also provides screening for spinal abnormalities and raises awareness through educational programs, health fairs, workshops and conferences.

I would like to express a special word of commendation to Dr. and Mrs. Haider, whose care and compassion have made the Children's Spine Foundation a reality. CSF would not be the wonderful foundation it is today without their guidance and vision. They are truly the pioneers behind CSF's important mission.

I send my best wishes to the Children's Spine Foundation on the special day of its annual gala event, and wish the staff and volunteers much continued success.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE "DOC" HOWARD

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in praising the entrepreneurial spirit of Mike "Doc" Howard of Lebanon, KY. Mr. Howard was recently named the Outstanding Businessperson of 2001 by the Lebanon/Marion County Chamber of Commerce for his progressive economic vision and innovative genius.

Doc Howard received his first lesson in economics from his Uncle Howard when he was just 12 years of age. Doc was put to work by his uncle at the Arista Theater, Lebanon Drive-In, and